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1. FOREIGN RELATIONS DIRECTOR ILEASA OF COUNCIL OF SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUCATION CALLED IN EMOFF TODAY TO REGISTER OFFICIAL COMPLAINT ABOUT EXHIBIT SITE IN DETROIT, WHERE OPENING SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 16. ROMANIAN EMBASSY HAS REPORTED TO COUNCIL, AND PROBABLY TO AGENCY OR DEPT BY NOW, THAT INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT IS MOST INAPPROPRIATE PLACE TO MOUNT EXHIBIT; IT'S UNATTRACTIVE, BADLY SITUATED AND USED PRIMARILY FOR TACHING ENGLISH TO IMMIGRANTS. COUNCIL WANTS TO KNOW WHY EXHIBIT CANNOT BE SHOWN INSTEAD AT (IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE):
A. MUSEUM OF HISTORY, WHICH "MOST IMPOSING," B. UNIVERSITY MUSEUM (COULDN'T SAY WHICH UNIVERSITY); OR C. CITY ART MUSEUM. ALL THREE SAID TO BE CENTRALLY LOCATED AND FREQUENTED BY PUBLIC. ROMANIAN EMBASSY CLAIMS TO HAVE ASSURANCE THAT HISTORY MUSEUM CAN ACCOMMODATE EXHIBIT DURING FEB 16 TO MARCH 16 PERIOD. ILEASA REMINDED EMBOFF THAT AMERICAN WEST EXHIBIT WAS SHOWN AT SALA DALLES, BUCHAREST'S "BEST EXHIBIT HALL" AND THAT 200 YEARS OF AMERICAN ART WOULD BE ON DISPLAY AT NATIONAL ART MUSEUM. COUNCIL ALTOGETHER SATISFIED WITH EXHIBIT SITES AND ARRANGEMENTS

TO DATE IN CHICAGO AND LOS ANGELES, BUT CLEARLY UNHAPPY ABOUT
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DETROIT.

2. POST OBVIOUSLY NOT AS FAMILIAR WITH PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS AND PREPARATIONS AS AGENCY, BUT IT APPEARS THE DETROIT SITE WAS PROPOSED MONTHS AGO AND NO COMPLAINT REGISTERED TILL NOW. NONETHELESS* IN INTERESTS OF U.S.-ROMANIAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM POST URGES AGENCY AND DEPT MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE ROMANIANS IF POSSIBLE AT THIS LATE DATE, OR PROVIDE POST WITH CONVINCING ARGUMENT TO PRESENT TO COUNCIL. REQUEST INTERIM REPLY ASAP WITH PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS.

3. FYI: ILEASA SHOWED EMBOFF DEC 24 LETTER TO AMBASSADOR BOGDAN FROM BROOKLYN MUSEUM DIRECTOR BOTWINICK ENTHUSIASTICALLY ACCEPTING RUG EXHIBIT AND PROPOSING MAY 26 TO JULY 4 PERIOD. BALTIMORE APPARENTLY STILL BEING NEGOTIATED FOR APRIL-MAY DATES.

4. NEW ETA FOR EXHIBIT CURATOR LUCIAN ROSU IS 1800 IN NEW YORK FEBRUARY 10 VIA TAROM 301, OPEN-ENDED TO WASHINGTON. PLEASE COORDINATE WITH NEW YORK RECEPTION CENTER. ROSU PLANS TO SPEND 11TH IN CONSULTATIONS WITH AGENCY AND LEAVE WASHINGTON FOR DETROIT FEB 12.
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